

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the fiscal year 2019 appropriations bill includes over \$2 million in funding for UMass projects. Congressman Olver is a member of the Appropriations Committee and worked to include the funding in the bill. The UMass projects and their included dollar amounts are:

\$196,000 for Landscape Connectivity Study

This funding will be used to create maps and scenario-testing software, for use by Massachusetts state and local governments. "We live in an interconnected world. It is critically important that we look at the complete picture to determine the best way to protect our environment," said Olver. Loring Schwarz, Acting (MA) State Director of The Nature Conservancy added: "As our communities grow, it's important to have a plan for how to manage our land and water resources."

\$1.968 million for the Integrated Sciences Building

This funding will go toward the construction of the Integrated Sciences Building (ISB). The ISB will provide a home for the University's research in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, and earth and atmospheric sciences. "The expected benefits of the Integrated Science Building are immense," said Olver. "It will provide essential space for our researchers and students."

\$196,800 for Renewable Energy Economy Expansion Project

Umass' Political Economy Research Institute will use these funds to research and define policy options for the state and federal governments.

\$313,020 for Safe Seafood research

This funding will support the Safe Seafood Project at UMass. The Safe Seafood Project at the University of Massachusetts is a research program that focuses on the safety and sustainability of seafood. "UMass is a leader in innovative research and this research will help protect consumers and safeguard our seafood supply," said Olver.

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